

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

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--This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent application S/N 08/687,360 filed August 2, 1996, which is a 371 of International Application PCT/JP95/00136 filed February 2, 1995.--

Please rewrite the second full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

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--As shown in FIG. 1B, the archive VTR 4 reproduces video data. At this time, the archive VTR reads out a tape travel speed used when the video data was recorded, from the user bit on the time code track, and reproduces the video data at the tape travel speed. The user sets a channel by a device 8 for inputting and setting a channel that the user desires and the archive VTR retrieves an ID identifying a source to forward the tape to that position. Then, the archive VTR reproduces the video data.--

Please rewrite the fourth full paragraph on page 15 as follows:

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--In this embodiment, an operator operates a control panel 27 to thereby set data of a video-data compression rate N, a recording channel and a tape travel speed. The control panel 27 is an operation panel provided on the device 5 for inputting and setting the picture quality that the user desires as shown in FIG. 1A.--

Please rewrite the first paragraph on page 21 as follows:

--In this embodiment, an operation of recording a video data on one track in accordance with the ID-1 format will be described. Fig. 8A is a structural diagram of one track. As shown in FIG. 8A is a structural diagram of one track. As shown in FIG. 8A, 256 synchronization blocks 94 are recorded on one track, a preamble 93 and a postamble 95 being respectively recorded thereon before and after the synchronization blocks. 20 synchronization blocks of the 256 synchronization blocks 94 are those of the outer error codes.--

Please rewrite the paragraph bridging page 22 and page 23 as follows:

--When the source tape having the recording time of 100 (minutes) is used and the compression rate is 1/16, it is possible to store the contents of the 16 source tapes in one tape for the data recorder DIR-1000. It is possible to record the contents of the respective source tapes on one tape with different compression rates if the user desires.--

Please rewrite the second full paragraph on page 23 as follows:

--While in this embodiment the format of the video data is converted from an exiting format thereof to an archive format thereof by using the data recorder DIR-1000 as the archive VTR 4, it is needless to say that an existing digital VTR (D1 or the like) other than the data recorder or a data recorder having a new archive format may be employed.--

Please rewrite the second full paragraph on page 24 as follows:

--Further, according to the above embodiment, the source reproducing VTR 1 as the

a7 video data supplying means reproduces the source tape by the VTR, it is possible to convert the existing format thereof.--

Please rewrite the second full paragraph on page 29 as follows:

--The encoding units 201B, 202B, 203B,..., 216B generate error correction codes and so

a8 on for digital signal processings. In the digital signal processings, the signal of each channel is digitally processed, and the processings of the data of the respective channels are completely independent of one another.--

Please rewrite the third full paragraph on page 30 as follows:

--However, when the number of the recording heads A, B, C, D are larger than the

a9 channel number, it is physically difficult to mount the drum with as many recording heads as channel numbers, and this arrangement is very costly. Therefore, in general, the number of the recording heads A, B, C, D is properly set to about 8 to 16.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-8.

Please add the following Claims 9-26:

a10 9. (New) Recording apparatus comprising:

cont (a) a video-data section for supplying video data that originated from a plurality of source mediums;

(b) a compression section for compressing said video data;